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SUBJECT: CIA IN JAPAN

1. JAPAN COUNTRY DIRECTOR SHERMAN CALLED IN JAPANESE EMBASSY COUNSELOR HAZUMI ON APRIL 15 TO DISCUSS GOJ REQUEST FOR USG STATEMENT CONCERNING ALLEGATIONS IN US PRESS OF CIA INVOLVEMENT IN JAPAN WITH LOCKHEED AND "ONE OR MORE" POLITICAL PARTIES. SHERMAN TOLD HAZUMI THAT WE HAD CAREFULLY CONSIDERED THE QUESTIONS THAT HE HAD ASKED ON APRIL 3 (REFTEL) AND WISHED NOW TO DISCUSS OUR LIKELY RESPONSE WITH HIM ON A PERSONAL BASIS. SHERMAN NOTED THAT IT IS LONG STANDING US POLICY NEVER TO COMMENT ON MATTERS RELATING TO INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES. HE SAID THAT WE SAW NO COMPELLING REASON TO CHANGE THIS POLICY, AND THEREFORE DID NOT INTEND TO DO SO. SHERMAN SAID THAT HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT THIS WOULD BE THE OFFICIAL RESPONSE CONVEYED TO THE GOJ SHORTLY, BUT BECAUSE OF OUR CONCERN FOR THE SENSITIVITY OF THE LOCKHEED AFFAIR IN JAPAN HE WISHED TO INFORM HAZUMI ON A PERSONAL BASIS BEFOREHAND.

2. HAZUMI EXPRESSED APPRECIATION. HE SAID THE SUBSTANCE
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OF OUR INTENDED RESPONSE WAS NOT A PROBLEM, BUT THE GOJ

NEEDED TO CONSIDER CAREFULLY WHEN AND HOW IT SHOULD
OFFICIALLY RECEIVE OUR ANSWER. HAZUMI SAID THAT HE WOULD
CHECK WITH HIS AMBASSADOR AND WITH TOKYO ABOUT THIS
PROBLEM. SHERMAN SAID THAT WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO CON-
SIDER ANY SUGGESTIONS THE GOJ HAD ON THE TIMING OR
HANDLING OF OUR RESPONSE. KISSINGER

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